

SHADOW OF THE WAR

CAST ITS GLOOM OVER YULE-TIDE FESTIVITIES.

Speech Made By Hon. W. F. White at Knights of the Grip Banquet - Finance Minister Spoke About the Great Conflict.

"The chief business of Great Britain and the empire is war, and will be until the war is settled and settled right."

"The real issue in this war is that of German culture or Anglo-Saxon freedom."

"We have every reason to be satisfied with the progress of the war. Every day that the commerce of the country is able to move means a victory. We have every reason to be satisfied with our British navy."

"There has been too much blood shed. It must be fought out to a bitter end."

"The government of Canada is ready to do her full share of duty to the empire."

"It was with pride that I inspected the troops in Kingston to go overseas, to do their share in bearing the burden of the empire. I congratulate them."

"The great problem of this country to-day is the problem of increasing the products of Canada. To both the farmer and the manufacturer I would say, 'Increase your production.' If these men are willing to go to the front and fight our battles and suffer in the trenches, we at home should do all that we can to make the country stronger during this crisis."

"Work harder in times of war than you do in times of peace. All the strength we have may be needed before this war is over."

The above were some of the outstanding remarks of Hon. W. F. White, minister of finance, in his address at the banquet of the Kingston branch of the Canadian Order of the Knights of the Grip, held at the Randolph on Tuesday night.

Mr. White delivered an eloquent address, in response to the toast of "Canada," which was proposed by W. P. Nicksle, M.P. His entire address was practically devoted to the war. He had a most encouraging note to sound regarding the financial situation of Canada during the present critical stage, in that he stated that after four and a half months of the war business was on a sound basis.

Dealing with the question of the outbreak of the war and the relations between Great Britain and Germany which preceded it, the minister said that those relations had become strained only after Germany, departing from the traditional friendly policy of Bismarck, had begun a violent anti-British agitation having as its official avowed object the creation of a fleet of such strength that a conflict with the strongest naval power that is Great Britain, would involve risks threatening the supremacy of that power.

The fixed and steadfast policy of Great Britain had been to maintain the balance of power in continental Europe and her own supremacy at sea. Both and especially the latter were vital to her existence and that of the empire. Bismarck's policy had been continental. He cultivated the friendship of Russia and spoke of Great Britain as an ally. He refused to be drawn into conflicts over the matter of colonial expansion.

Under the leadership of "his later" day ambitious kaiser and the Prussian war-party surrounding him Germany had added world-policy to continental policy and pressed it with such selfish and high-handed aggressiveness that she found herself without a friend in the world. There had been no courtesy, no chivalry, no magnanimity in her dealing with other nations. It had been the rattling of the sabre, the brandishing of the mailed fist until the whole world had become alarmed and arguments were multiplied until the nations groaned beneath the load.

Ambition, lust of power, aggressiveness, downright material selfishness, downright material selfishness, unrelieved by a spark of gentility in international dealings had brought about this cataclysm. From the standpoint of the realization of the legitimate aspirations of the German people it was wholly unnecessary. No nation had made such economic progress in half a century. She was a world-power of first rank and her future progress and continuing greatness were assured. Great Britain had been her best customer and stood for the policy of the open door. Prussian rapacity and militarist ambition had been the undoing of Germany. To justify inter-

national brigandage her court-patronized historians and philosophers had elaborated the theory that as between states might was right and there was no tribunal which could adjudicate the rights of states. They had overlooked international public opinion which is sitting in judgment upon Germany to-day. All law is crystallized public opinion and it is the hope of the world that international opinion, founded upon equity and justice may crystallize in time, into national law which will make the international law-breaker as much a criminal in the eye of society as is the national law breaker, and subject to restraint and punishment at the hands of an organized preponderance of world-power.

Germany claimed that Great Britain had acquired her colonies by aggression and asks why she should not by aggression strip them from her. The premise is false. The colonies which Britain has acquired from other nations were obtained incidentally to the settlement of wars which she had prosecuted in defence of her own liberties and the liberties of Europe against the ambitious designs of Spanish and French despots. Germany's world-policy was Pan-Germanic. To Germanize the world, she conceives to be her mission. The conquest of any British dominion by Germany would mean the loss of constitutional government of the freedom for which Britons fought for centuries and enjoy to-day. How much does German culture weigh in the scale against Anglo-Saxon liberty? That is the question submitted for the adjudication of free nations to-day.

Germany's European policy which was ancillary to her world-policy had for its object the complete subjugation of France. She must be crushed beyond the power of recovery and despoiled of her colonies so as to prevent her future growth. Only in this way, in the opinion of Germany, could she be relieved of uneasiness on her western frontier, of the nightmare of attack on two or possibly three fronts. By its cold-blooded aggressiveness the Prussian autocracy had lined Germany up against early all the Great Nations. The sympathies of those not in arms were against her. Even if a victory could be obtained against such odds it would by its cost be a defeat.

Germany had calculated that Great Britain might stand aloof in this war. Despotism government usually miscalculates because in its insatiable passion for aggrandisement it blinds its eyes to inconvenient facts. If Great Britain had stood aside she could have been obliged later on to fight singlehanded a nation supreme on a continental Europe having as its western frontier the straits of Dover and with a fleet possibly equal to her own.

The violation of Belgium neutrality was not only a crime against Belgium but a flagrant breach of international public law but a direct attack upon the strategic advantage possessed by Britain in having Belgium and Holland as buffer states between herself and Germany. To conquer Europe first, Britain had to conquer Belgium first. The dream of Pan-Germanic militarism.

No prediction could be offered as to the length of the struggle. Germany and Austria, with their hundred and ten millions, their large military establishments and their preparedness for war were the most formidable foes ever faced by any coalition of powers. We are only upon the threshold of the sacrifices we must be prepared to make in this conflict for our existence and our freedom. The component parts of the empire have by a common sense of danger been drawn together as never before. War is a terrible reality, a confounder of theorists and all mere talkers. It brings one face to face with actuality. Who speaks of family relationships when the house is on fire. And so when this conflagration broke out, threatening our heritage and every part of it, constitutional niceties and theoretical hair-splitting vanished into thin air and throughout the empire, Britain, Canada, Australia, New Zealand, South Africa and India rang the cry "We are at war. Let us prosecute it to the bitter end with all our resources of money and of men."

In wishing the members of the association the season's greetings, the minister said that the war had cast its shadow and its gloom over the Yuletide festivities throughout the Christian world. It had been a sad Christmas. The spirit of peace on earth and good-will to men of which it was the symbol had given place in Europe to the spirit of rapine, slaughter and destruction. The year was going out in flames and blood. That humanity was not extinguished in Flanders and in Poland was due to the spirit of Christianity. In the work being done by innumerable hands throughout the world for the relief of distress, for the comfort of soldiers, in the chivalry, the self-sacrifice, the magnanimity of those on the firing line that spirit was shining as brightly as it shone in the star of Bethlehem. Its gleam, continuously brightening through the ages, was the hope and the lodestar of the race in the vast evolution of its terrestrial existence. So far as humanity is concerned the war, notwithstanding its scale and horror, was only an episode, a light between two days, a darkness which would make more luminous the brightness yet to come.

OLDHAM-MACKIE WEDDING Celebrated At Bride's Aunt's Home On Wednesday. On Wednesday morning at ten o'clock a quiet wedding was solemnized at the residence of Miss M. Boyd, Sydenham street, when her niece, Ethel Boyd-Mackie, was united in marriage to Edmund Mackie Oldham, M.D., C.M., Desboro, eldest son of Dr. and Mrs. Oldham, Chatsworth. The ceremony was performed by Rev. J. D. Boyd, B.A., of Zion Presbyterian church. The only attendant was a little flower girl, Miss Jean Potter, daughter of Lieut. and Mrs. L. D. Potter. She wore a pale pink crepe de chine frock over pink satin and carried a basket of sweet-peas, roses and smilax. Her gift from the groom was a gold bracelet.

The dainty bride, who was given away by her father, looked very sweet in a gown of ivory ripple charmeuse satin en train, with trimmings of beige Irish, caught with true-lover's knots of brilliants. Her veil was arranged in Juliet cap with a wreath of orange blossoms. She carried a shower bouquet of white roses, lilies of the valley and maiden hair fern, and wore the groom's gift, a fine gold chain, from which hung a pearl and diamond pendant. Miss Jeanne Edward, cousin of the bride, played the wedding marches. Her gift from the groom was a sterling card case.

After the young couple had received the congratulations of the guests, a buffet luncheon was served, the table being covered with a large wedding cake surrounded with smilax, lily and pink roses. Dr. and Mrs. Oldham left on the noon train for Montreal and eastern points. The bride travelled in a napier blue dress, and a small hat of black velvet trimmed with lace, medallions and rose buds. With this was worn a sealskin coat.

GIVEN TRAVELLING BAG High Chief Grippman McArthur Remembered At Banquet. At the banquet of the Knights of the Grip, held in the Randolph hotel on Tuesday night, there was a most pleasing feature, when W. Y. Mills, past high chief grippman, presented W. G. McArthur, high chief grippman, and the chief toastmaster of the evening, with a travelling bag.

In making the presentation Mr. Mills stated that twelve months ago, the grippman had honored Mr. McArthur with this position, and that he had filled it ably and well. His fellow-grippers wished to show their love and esteem in some manner, and for this reason were presenting him with the travelling bag. The gift carried with it the very best wishes of all his colleagues.

Mr. McArthur replied fittingly, thanking the members for their kind gift, and stated that while travelling around the country and using the bag, he would ever think of his kind friends who had made him the recipient of the fine gift.

The knights afterwards sang "For He's a Jolly Good Fellow" as only knights of the grip can sing it, and then gave three rousing cheers, which almost shook the dining-room in pieces, for Mr. McArthur.

MUNICIPAL NOMINATIONS. Hinchinbrooke Township. For Reeve—Mariner Cronk. Allan Wagar, R. A. Hamilton (resigned), G. McKnight. For councillors—Thomas Howes, John Quinn (resigned), P. Dwyer, Albert Kennedy, Thomas Peters, O. R. Clow, James Kennedy (resigned), Allen Wagar, William Clark (resigned).

Village Of Newburgh. Reeve—Joseph Paul. Councillors—W. W. Adams, Robert Dougan, Peter Fairbairn, Charles F. Shortis, all by acclamation.

Vaudeville At The Grand. At the vaudeville entertainments at the Grand Opera House last evening large audiences witnessed a fine programme.

On Thursday and the following evenings and matinees, the following bill will be produced: Jean Finerman, the boy from Galway, in sensational high statuary and ebor dancing; Carl Elmer, eccentric club juggler, Park and Hall, singing and a comedy act, entitled, "A Man, a Maid and a Wheelbarrow." The Photo-Plays will be "The Gunman" and "From Wash to Washington."

On New Year's day, matinees will be given at 2 and 3.30 o'clock, and evening entertainments at 7.30 and 9 o'clock.

Died at Elginburg. Mrs. Margaret Allison, an old resident of Elginburg, passed away at her home on Monday afternoon, after a lingering illness. The late Mrs. Allison was well known throughout the neighbourhood, and was seventy-five years of age. In religion she was a Methodist. The funeral service will be conducted on Wednesday morning at ten o'clock.

Secured a Prize. The Sunday edition of the Buffalo, N.Y., News, of Dec. 27th, published a good cut of Mrs. Robert Henderson, of this city, who won the prize for the best short story effort in the competition of Nov. 15th. The story, a newspaper one, was entitled "The Boy Who Did Not Fall."

Subscriptions To Belgian Fund. The following subscriptions to the Belgian Relief Fund are acknowledged through the president of the Board of Trade, Anonymously: \$5; Friend, not named, \$1; E. J. McCorkell, \$2; W. J. Anglin, Battersen, \$2.

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ALDERMANIC CONTESTS

IN ST. LAWRENCE, FRONTENAC AND RIDEAU WARDS

And Board of Education Election in Frontenac Ward—All Other Seats Filled by Acclamation.

Kingston will have aldermanic elections next Monday in three wards and a Board of Education election in one ward. Those who will contest for aldermen are:

St. Lawrence ward—For three-year term, R. F. Elliott and Major G. H. Gillespie. Frontenac ward—For two-year term, H. F. Norman and J. S. R. McCann; for one-year term, Dr. W. McCarthy and G. C. Wright.

Rideau ward—For three-year term, A. W. Chugston and G. H. Laturney. The following aldermen are elected by acclamation:

Sydenham ward—W. H. Wormwith, for two years; H. C. Nicksle, for three years. Ontario ward—Ald. N. E. O'Connor, for three years; Dr. R. J. Gardiner, for one year.

Catarqui ward—Ald. A. Stroud, for three years. Frontenac ward—Ald. W. P. Peters, for three years. Victoria ward—Ald. J. W. Litton, for three years.

In Frontenac ward, W. J. Chapman and W. H. Godwin will contest for the Board of Education seat. All the other school trustees are elected by acclamation. I. Cohen, who will sit for 1915 in Catarqui ward, is the first Jew to be elected to the Board of Education.

Portsmouth Council Elect. Reeve—James Halliday. Councillors—R. J. Baiden, Thomas Graham, M. J. Kennedy and John R. Mackie (reclamation). John Grant, Nicholas Graham and Nicholas Henderson retired.

LEADBEATER, JORDAN. Nuptials At Home of Bride's Parents, Barrie Street. A pretty wedding was solemnized Wednesday morning at ten o'clock at the home of the bride's parents, on Barrie street, in the presence of about thirty guests, when Ethel Jordan, daughter of Rev. Dr. and Mrs. W. G. Jordan, was united in marriage to William Richard Leadbeater, M.A., of Wallaceburg, eldest son of Mr. and Mrs. William Leadbeater, of Hillsville. Dr. Jordan and Rev. Malcolm MacMillan, D.D., minister of St. Andrew's Church, officiated. The ceremony was performed in the drawing room, where Christmas greens and many scarlet carnations and lilies of the valley were effectively used for decoration.

The pretty dark bride was given away by her father and looked very lovely in her gown of heavy white satin made en train, with trimmings of Pointe de Venise lace and pearls, the folds of the skirt being caught and finished with a sequin buckle. The tulle veil was arranged with a coronet of orange blossoms and a shower bouquet of roses and lilies was carried.

Miss Hilda Jordan was her sister's bridesmaid and wore a most becoming costume of Alice blue moire antique silk with Marie Antoinette lace trimming and girde of maize velvet. She carried an armful of Killarney roses. The groomsmen was Mr. Philip Leadbeater, brother of the bride, and the wedding music was played by Mr. Thomas Jordan.

After the ceremony the breakfast was served in the dining room at prettily decked quarte tables, the bride's table having at its centre, the wedding cake surrounded by soft folds of tulle and lilies of the valley.

Mr. and Mrs. Leadbeater left for the west at noon, the latter travelling in a tailored suit of navy blue trimmed with military braid, a purple hat with wings and black fox-furs. After the middle of January they will be at home in Wallaceburg.

Mrs. Jordan was handsomely accented in grey silk, with coat of deep rose girdle, and corsage bouquet of lilies and violets. Mrs. Leadbeater, grandmother of the groom, wore black silk and lace. Mrs. William Leadbeater, the groom's mother, black satin with white lace and sequin trimmings, with violets and lilies.

Miss Annie Leadbeater's costume was of yellow butterfly taffeta with corsage bouquet of violets. The bride and groom are both graduates of Queen's University. They received their degrees in Arts in nineteen hundred and ten.

Into Eternal Rest. The death, on Wednesday morning, of Miss Emma Wilnot, daughter of the late Nathaniel and Mrs. Frances Wilnot, Clergy street, has brought sorrow, not only to the immediate family, but to scores of friends throughout the city. After a life of intense activity, of self-devotion, of earnest helpfulness she was stricken five months ago and with patience and resignation has spent the weeks and days in tender thoughtfulness and sincere appreciation of loving kindness bestowed. Muscular rheumatism weakened her heart, and like a beautiful flower she dropped and faded. She possessed exceptional qualities of mature womanhood, was bright and cheerful, zealous and anxious and thoughtful for the benefit of those she loved, devoted and loyal to her church, St. James'. She filled a large part in social life and was beloved as a true and helpful friend. Amid the sadness of this festive season, her death will increase the weight of the grief that hangs over all. To her widowed mother, to whom she was a comfort and stay, to her only brother and sisters the tender sympathy of many will be extended and as far as possible they, with their loving expressions, may help to alleviate the grief of those bereaved. Deceased was the eldest daughter of the late Nathaniel Wilnot, and is survived by her mother, four sisters, Mrs. Charles Livingston, Kingston; Mrs. John P. Oram, Montreal; Mrs. James Kirk, Brooklyn, N. Y., and her husband, Gannanogee; and an only brother, John E. Wilnot, Ottawa. The funeral, a private one, will occur on New Year's Day.

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SPLendid VALOR Dean Starr Recalls Heroism of Dublin Fusiliers.

Dean Starr, while at Lennox, was asked by the Journal for his opinion as to the bravest deed that he had heard of in connection with the present war. He relates the following:

The Dublin Fusiliers were waiting for a supporting regiment of English infantry. Across the valley the German "Black Maria" was silent and pushed—an ominous hush. The Irish commander got word that those German guns would either that English regiment when they reached a certain spot on the bullet-swept plain. How to warn them of their danger? Some one must cross the field, dotted with dead horses and twisted, huddled things, once men. The German sharpshooters were watching, always watching. Volunteers were called to cross that death zone and warn the supporting regiment. It meant death for some, but there was a chance that one might get through. Every man volunteered although only a few were drawn for the mission.

The first, a ruddy-faced Irish boy, shook hands, vaulted lightly out of the trench, and started swiftly for the open. He got scarcely ten yards when a bullet whined and the boy crumpled and dropped dead. A second followed, but he went only a couple of yards when he was shot down. The third darted out and got nearly across. The troops were cheering. He would make it. The bullets were flicking up dust all around him. Suddenly he staggered and made a game effort to continue, and sank to his knees. Even then he started to drag himself towards the regiment he was dying to save from annihilation. But his wounds were mortal, and he got no further. Then four leaped out from the trenches together in the hope that some of them would reach the advancing regiment in time. Two of the four met the fate of their comrades, but two did get across and warned the English Tommies of their danger.

I've had died in order that a regiment might live.

R. M. C. Graduate Wounded. The latest list of wounded included Second Lieutenant E. H. de L. Greenwood, Royal Engineers, a graduate of the Royal Military College, Toronto, and Chief Engineer Greenwood, of the C. N. R., Toronto. His brother, Harold, joined the engineers.

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